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1. United Nations

Behind-the-scenes efforts at the General Assembly to get an acceptable alternative to the US and Soviet resolutions seem to be moving only slowly.

A committee of non-aligned states--led by India and apparently encouraged by the Russians--is working on a resolution which calls for withdrawal of troops, respect for sovereignty, and appointment of a special UN representative to facilitate discussions on settling other issues. Similar efforts by Western European and Latin American groups have yet to produce anything substantial.

Nearly all mediation efforts are focusing on whether withdrawal of Israeli forces can be linked with the other issues at stake.

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The announcement of the Glassboro meeting was "greeted with relief" by all sides at the UN last night.

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2. India

Public order in West Bengal is deteriorating badly. The food distribution system has broken down and Communist-inspired lawlessness is spreading. Mobs have been looting grain trucks and trains, and the supply of food to famine areas in northern India could well be seriously affected.

The present West Bengal government

is almost totally ineffective. Direct rule by New Delhi is likely if it falls.

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The situation is about the same--serious.

4. Mexico

The gubernatorial election in the state of Sonora on 2 July is likely to produce a new wave of violence.

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The basic issue is still popular resistance to the government's high-handed methods in selecting a candidate for governor.

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5. Chile

The Frei government's attempts to appease the articulate Chilean left by maintaining good relations with Moscow have brought a steady increase in Soviet influence in Chile. Ambassador Dungan says that the Russians have acquired access to a wide assortment of news media, as well as academic, scientific, and social circles. The Soviets are now trying to woo the Chilean military.

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